

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The July 30, 2004 Office Action, the August 20, 2004 Supplemental Office Action and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. In response, claims are amended and added, an interview was conducted with Examiner Shapiro on November 8, 2004, and remarks are set forth below in a sincere effort to place the present application in form for allowance. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter is added.

INTERVIEW

The courtesy of Examiner Shapiro in granting an interview in connection with this application is acknowledged and appreciated. Present at the interview were Examiner Shapiro and Applicant's attorney, Robert Michal. During the interview Applicant's attorney explained the present claimed invention as defined by the claims and contrasted the invention to that disclosed in the applied references. During the interview the Examiner mentioned a further reference (USP 5,845,263 to Camaisa).

In view of the discussion with the Examiner, it was agreed that the claims would define over all of the references, when

taken either alone or in combination, if the limitation "so as to provide an indication in image form of the status of the arrival of the goods to the goods receiving place" was added to the independent claims.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

In the July 30, 2004 Office Action claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over USP 5,890,136 (Kipp) in view of USP 4,677,308 (Wroblewski et al.). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kipp in view of Wroblewski, and further in view of USP 5,482,139 (Rivalto).

In response, claims 1 and 3 are amended to include the limitation discussed with the Examiner during the interview. The limitation added to claims 1 and 3 is supported by the application as originally filed. See, for example, Figs. 4a-4d and the corresponding description at page 10, lines 7-25.

In addition, claims 1 and 3 are amended to be in better form for allowance. The additional amendments to claims 1 and 3 are not related to the patentability of the claims.

Claim 2 is amended to be in better form. The amendments to claim 2 are not related to the patentability of claim 2.

Since none of the cited references nor the newly discovered reference brought to Applicant's attorney's attention during the interview disclose, teach or suggest control means which provides an indication in image form of the status of the arrival of the goods to the goods receiving place, claims 1 and 3 and claim 2, which is dependent on claim 1, are patentable over all of the references of record under 35 USC 102 as well as 35 USC 103.

NEW CLAIMS

New claims 4-6 are added to the present application. Claims 4-6 respectively correspond to claims 1-3, but are in non-means-plus-function format to provide a different scope of protection for the invention. Claims 4-6 are patentable over the references for reasons, inter alia, set forth above in connection with claims 1-3.

CLAIM FEE

The present application, as amended, includes six (6) total claims and four (4) independent claims, and the highest number of claims for which payment was previously made was twenty (20) total claims and three (3) independent claims. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$88.00 for the addition of one (1) independent claim above the highest number of independent

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claims for which payment was previously made. If any additional fees are due, or if any overpayment has been made, please charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 06-1378 for such sum.


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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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